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SUBJECT: SWEDISH HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS GROUP REQUEST APPOINTMENT
TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER

1. AXEL IVEROTH, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERATION OF SWEDISH INDUSTRIES AND COORDINATOR FOR THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SWEDISH BUSINESS GROUP LED BY PRINCE BERTIL, HAS ASKED ME TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE GROUP TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER. THE GROUP WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 24, 25 AND 26.

2. IVEROTH HAS ASKED THAT THE REPLY TO THE REQUEST BE MADE THROUGH ME SINCE THE INITIAL PRIVATE REQUEST TO SEE THE PRESIDENT WAS ALSO MADE THROUGH ME. IVEROTH DESCRIBED FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON'S SPEECH AS A "BLUNDER" AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE GROUP'S REQUEST. I MADE CLEAR TO HIM THAT WE HAVE INFORMED WASHINGTON OF THE BROAD GOOD WILL OF SWEDISH BUSINESS COMMUNITY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES. I ADDED, HOWEVER, THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS FULL AND I COULD NOT CONJECTURE ON WHAT THE RESPONSE WOULD BE.

3. IVEROTH SAID THAT DURING HIS VISIT IN MID-JANUARY HE HAD TALKED WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER AND HAD DESCRIBED THE PLANNED VISIT. DAVID ROCKEFELLER GAVE HIS SUPPORT. IVEROTH THOUGHT DAVID ROCKEFELLER MIGHT CONTACT THE VICE PRESIDENT

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ON THE GROUP'S REQUEST.

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